

CLAIMS:

1. An electronic device comprising:

a microcomputer for processing an event and receiving a live communication, such that when said communication is received during said event a determination is made as to whether to accept said live communication based on at least one criterion associated with said event.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein if said live communication is not accepted then said communication is directed to a message application.
3. The device of claim 1 wherein said live communication is selected from the group consisting of a telephone call and a push-to-talk call.
4. The device of claim 2 wherein said message application is a voicemail application.
5. The device of claim 4 wherein said microcomputer is operable to execute said voicemail application and said electronic device includes a storage device for storing said communication when said communication is directed to said voicemail application.
6. The device of claim 1 wherein said determination is additionally based on at least one criterion that is associated with said live communication.
7. An electronic device of claim 1 wherein said live communication is an instant text message.
8. An electronic device of claim 1 wherein said event is an appointment in a calendar application stored in said device.
9. An electronic device of claim 1 wherein said device is selected from the group consisting of a cell phone, a smart telephone, a desktop computer or a laptop having telephony equipment, a personal digital assistant with cell phone features, and a personal digital assistant with wireless broadband communications.
10. A method for modifying behaviour of an electronic device comprising the steps of:

performing an event;

receiving a live communication; and,

determining whether to accept said live communication based on at least one criterion associated with said event.

5 11. The method of claim 10 wherein if said live communication is not accepted then said communication is directed to a message application.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein said live communication is a telephone call.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein said message application is a voicemail application.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein said determining step is additionally based on at least
10 one criterion that is associated with said live communication.

15. The method of claim 10 wherein said live communication is an instant text message.

16. The method of claim 10 wherein said event is an appointment in a calendar application stored in said device.

17. A method for modifying behaviour of an electronic device comprising the steps of:

15 performing an event;

receiving a live communication; and,

using at least one criterion from both the event and the live communication to determine whether to perform a notification on said electronic device.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the at least one criterion of the live communication is
20 selected from the group consisting of the time of the incoming live communication, the caller identification of the incoming live communication, the push-to-talk identification values, the instant message handle name and the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the incoming communications.